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Robert Steele 1055 North 4th East Nephi, Utah 84648

RE <u>Permit Amendment Review Status, Gardner Canyon Gypsum Mine, S/023/015, Juab County, Utah</u>

Dear Mr. Steele:

The Division has received a copy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Record of Decision (ROD) from the Uinta National Forest for your Gardner Canyon Gypsum Mine. As discussed in our March 1, 1995 letter, we anticipated finalizing our assessment of your small mine permit amendment once we received the FEIS and ROD. It is our understanding that the Record of Decision is subject to a 45-day public review and appeal period. We understand that this appeal period will expire on April 25, 1995.

In order to allow sufficient time for possible appeal and public comments on the FEIS and ROD, we will suspend our review of the permit amendment until the public comment period has ended. The receipt of substantive public comments and/or a formal appeal of the federal decision documents may also cause subsequent delays in our final assessment of the permit amendment. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in this regard. Please contact me or Lynn Kunzler of my staff, if you have questions or concerns with this proposed review schedule.

Sincerely,

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